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U.S. Removes 'Copter s From S. Viet Bases

SAIGON, July 28 (UPI)—The U.S. command removed dozens of helicopters and other major support groups from two big military bases north of Saigon and near the Cambodian border today because they were endangered by lax South Vietnamese security around them, according to field reports.

U.S. support units were ordered pulled out of the Tay-Ninh West base, 65 miles northwest of Saigon, and Laikhe, 30 miles north, after Communist commando attacks blew up six U.S. helicopters and wounded six Americans at the two installations.

At TayNinh West, attacked July 23, commandos penetrated the barbed wire perimeter under cover of a mortar barrage. At LaiKhe, they walked unopposed through the perimeter early yesterday, field reports said.

Following the second attack, the orders to evacuate were given by Lt. Gen. J. J. Wagstaff, U.S. commander of military region III, the area around Saigon, officers reported.

Pilots flew more than 70 helicopters and eight light planes belonging to the 187th Assault Helicopter Squadron and the 74th Aviation Company to Phu-Loi and BienHoa, a big U.S. Air Force base 10 miles west of Saigon.

The U.S. Command said it was pulling four big engineer units and a signal company, totaling 2,125 men, out of Vietnam in the biggest single withdrawal since July 1.

The engineer units, two battalions and two companies, all were coming out of military Region II, where the critical central highlands are located, a spokesman said.

The signal unit being pulled out operated in QuangTri province just below the Demilitarized Zone.

About 3,500 South Vietnamese troops, backed by tanks and artillery, speared into Cambodia just west of the Parrot's Beak area today in a new drive to close a Communist infiltration route into the Mekong Delta.

Another South Vietnamese task force reported killing 35 Vietcong in a two-hour battle in its drive near Neak Luong, some 35 miles southeast of Phnom Penh.

40 Cambodians Killed After CIA Training

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia, July 28 (AP)—More than 40 Cambodian soldiers have died fighting in Laos as the result of a bizarre three-cornered deal involving the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, Cam-

bodia's Premier Lon Nol and Prince Boun Oum, onetime rightwing premier of Laos.

The Cambodian soldiers were part of a contingent sent to a secret camp to be trained by the CIA, reliable sources say. Instead of returning to Cambodia they were thrown into the recent battle for the Bolovens Plateau and engaged

in some of the heaviest fighting there.

Besides the 40 or more killed an unspecified number were wounded, the sources say. These losses, together with disagreements and wrangling on both sides, have ended the CIA training program for Cambodians, at least temporarily.

Travel Advice For E. Berlin

BERLIN, July 28 (AP)—When visiting East Germany, keep your mouth shut says an

American student who spent 18 months in an East Berlin prison.

"If you spend 10 minutes in East Germany talking with anybody, the chances are you'll open yourself up to a charge of slandering the state," said Mark Huessy, 22, of Jericho, Vt. "It can include anything from criticizing a policeman to saying the trains don't run on time—which they don't—because of poor planning."

The secret police arrested Huessy on Jan. 4, 1970, in an East Berlin subway station. Huessy said he was accused at his trial of making 16 statements that were slanderous to the East German regime and designed to incite resistance to it. He said he never made at least 10 of them, including one that the regime would collapse if the Soviet army moved out.

Seaman's Trial Delayed Again

MANILA, July 28 (AP) — The murder trial of Seaman Apprentice Steven Lee Mullen of Wichita, Kan., was postponed today for the fourth time.

Mullen, 23, is accused of beating to death his Filipino wife's infant son. The trial was postponed at the prosecution's request. The first three postponements were ordered because Mullen was hospitalized.

The 10-month-old boy, whose father was another U.S. sailor, died of a skull fracture May 30. Mullen has pleaded innocent.